

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

September 4, 2007

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

ALLOCATE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT COMPETITIVE EXCESS FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS (FOURTH DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Allocate Fourth Supervisorial District Competitive Excess Funds in the amount of \$1,784,893.68 to 17 cities and to the Departments of Parks and Recreation and Public Works for projects in the Fourth Supervisorial District.
2. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grants as identified in the Attachment when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the first recommendation will allocate \$1,784,893.68 in Competitive Excess Funds for projects in various competitive categories as identified in the Attachment.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds.

Finally, it is recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grants to the grantees identified in the Attachment, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications and consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and to administer the grants under procedures previously approved by your Board.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), and Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by allocating Excess Funds for projects to enhance at-risk youth and senior recreation facilities, for graffiti prevention, natural lands restoration, trails acquisition and development, and urban tree planting in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of \$1,784,893.68 is budgeted in the Fourth Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for competitive projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

Section (24), Subsection (b) of the 1996 Proposition stipulates that a total of ten (10) percent of the Excess Funds be allocated for competitive grants pursuant to Subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) of Section (3) of the 1996 Proposition and that the funds be allocated equally among each supervisorial district. The projects, as described in the Attachment, qualify for funding in one of the seven categories for competitive funds pursuant to Subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3).

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Requests for grant proposals for projects in the competitive categories described in the 1996 Proposition were sent to all eligible public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the Fourth Supervisorial District. Upon submission, grant proposals were screened for completeness and eligibility. Since sufficient funding is available to fund all eligible project proposals submitted no eligible proposals are left unfunded.

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will enhance recreational opportunities in various competitive categories at facilities and natural areas in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

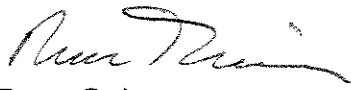
All projects funded by the District are also required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. As such, all of the grantee agencies will prepare appropriate environmental documentation for the projects identified in the Attachment.

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CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (30)
County Counsel

ATTACHMENT

PROPOSED FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS PROJECTS

<u>Project</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Old Firehouse Restoration Project	Artesia	\$100,000
Scope: The City of Artesia is converting an old firehouse into a multi-purpose community center. The project consists of renovation of the building's interior including a new restroom and renovation to the parking lot, fencing, windows, landscaping and painting as well as building improvements for Americans with Disability Act compliance.		
Joe Machado Field Restroom Reconstruction	Avalon	\$100,000
Scope: Reconstruction of a restroom facility at Joe Machado Field with graffiti-prevention materials including ceramic tile and stainless steel partitions and fixtures.		
West Branch Greenway Multi-modal Transportation Corridor	Bellflower	\$100,000
Scope: Asphalt bicycle and pedestrian trails, trail signage, landscaping, irrigation and a drinking fountain.		
Cerritos Forestation Program	Cerritos	\$100,000
Scope: The planting of 900 trees throughout the City's arterial median, parkways and in several parks.		
Development of Sycamore Canyon Park Trail – Phase III	Diamond Bar	\$70,940
Scope: Construction of approximately 1,290 feet of decomposed granite/natural soil to connect two trail heads and the installation of two benches, signs, split-rail safety fences and steps/stairs.		
Hermosa Senior Activity Center	Hermosa Beach	\$100,000
Scope: Renovation of approximately 1,800 square feet of existing space including upgraded electrical panels, a commercial kitchen, lighting, counters and cabinetry.		
Blue Line Stream Restoration	La Habra Heights	\$100,000
Scope: Removal of debris, non-native plants and concrete in and adjacent to the City's environmentally sensitive stream and development of a trail along Hacienda Park.		
Therapy Spa for the Splash	La Mirada	\$100,000
Scope: Installation of an 18-person therapy spa at the City's Splash that will feature a hydrotherapy bench and specialized jets for muscle and joint massage.		
Bloomfield Park Teen Resource Center Expansion Project	Lakewood	\$100,000
Scope: Expansion and renovation of an existing craft room to accommodate a new at-risk youth center including new windows, paint, security lighting and Americans with Disabilities Act compliant upgrades to the facilities restrooms.		
Lomita Park Senior Walking Path	Lomita	\$100,000
Scope: Improvement of a ¼ mile path around Lomita Park to allow for unimpeded travel and installation of fitness stations designed for use by seniors.		

Norwalk 2007 Urban Tree Project	Norwalk	\$93,500
Scope: Planting of 500 trees in residential neighborhoods, parkways, arterial medians and along boulevards.		
Trail Rehabilitation and Improvement	Rancho Palos Verdes	\$100,000
Scope: Rehabilitation of the Point Vicente Neighborhood Trail including installation of metal hand rails, concrete resting pads and strengthening of existing wooden steps. The project will also include improved trail linkages in the Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve.		
North Redondo Beach Bikeway Lighting Project	Redondo Beach	\$100,000
Scope: Purchase and installation of 45 solar-powered bicycle pathway lights for the North Redondo Beach Bikeway to allow night use of the path.		
George F. Canyon Nature Preserve Habitat Restoration	Rolling Hills Estates	\$59,644.68
Scope: Removal of non-native trees and plants and replacement with native plants.		
Trail Improvements and Repair Project	Signal Hill	\$100,000
Scope: Repair of decomposed granite trails, installation of steps where grade exceeds 10%, repair of irrigation system, rehabilitation of landscaping and installation of trail signage and pet waste disposal stations.		
Madrona Marsh Preserve Restoration Project	Torrance	\$75,809
Scope: Removal of non-native vegetation, installation of an irrigation system and planting of native plants in a ½-acre tract of land on the western edge of the facility and five acres on the southeast corner of the marsh.		
Whittier Greenway Trail Signage and Enhancement	Whittier	\$100,000
Scope: Installation of interpretive panels and interactive exhibits along the trail and the planting of trees, shrubs and grasses.		
South Coast Botanic Garden Graffiti Prevention Project	County Department of Parks and Recreation	\$85,000
Scope: Installation of new fencing along Rolling Hills Road and the horse trail to prevent access when the garden is closed.		
Coyote Creek Bike Trail	County Department of Public Works	\$100,000
Scope: Construction of 1.04 miles of a Class 1 bike trail along the west side of the Coyote Creek Channel between Carson Street and Wardlow Road.		
Total:		\$1,784,893.68